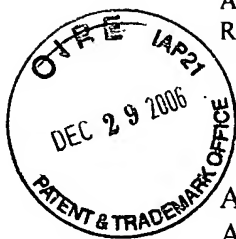


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Mail Stop Amendment  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office action of October 11, 2006. Our check in the amount of \$400 is enclosed to cover 2 additional independent claims over 3 (\$200 each). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 28 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 29 of this paper.

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